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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/63/423)*]

63/147. New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 61/138 of 19 December 2006, all previous resolutions concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order[1] and all relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations, and the annex thereto, and resolution 62/94 of 17 December 2007 on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, as well as other United Nations agencies in the context of international humanitarian assistance,

Recognizing the importance of action at the national and regional levels and the role that regional organizations can play in certain cases to prevent humanitarian crises, and emphasizing the importance of continued international cooperation in support of affected States in dealing with natural disasters and complex emergencies,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the United Nations system to increase its capacity and that of its Member States to provide assistance to victims of humanitarian emergencies,

Recognizing the important role that international organizations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and the private sector can play, within their respective mandates, in the humanitarian context,

1. *Recognizes* the need for the further strengthening of national, regional and international efforts to address humanitarian emergencies;

[1] Resolutions 36/136, 37/201, 38/125, 40/126, 42/120, 42/121, 43/129, 43/130, 45/101, 45/102, 47/106, 49/170, 51/74, 53/124, 55/73, 57/184 and 59/171.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General in the humanitarian field, and invites him to continue to promote strict adherence to refugee law, international humanitarian law and internationally agreed norms and principles in humanitarian emergency situations;

3. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to extend cooperation and support to the efforts of the Secretary-General, inter alia, through the relevant United Nations agencies and organizational mechanisms set up to address the assistance and protection needs of affected populations as well as the safety and security of United Nations and other humanitarian workers;

4. *Encourages* intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector, where appropriate, to assist and support national and international efforts to respond to humanitarian emergencies;

5. *Invites* Member States, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, relevant entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to reinforce activities and cooperation so as to continue to develop an agenda for humanitarian action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on these issues to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session in his annual report on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations.

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